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INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES, SEPTEMBER QUARTER 1968

This bulletin contains statistics of industrial disputes for the quarter ended 30 September 1968.

The statistics of industrial disputes refer only to disputes involving a stoppage of work of ten man-days or more. The Australian figures include disputes occurring in the Northern Territory and the Australian Capital Territory. Workers indirectly involved are employees thrown out of work at the establishments where the stoppages occurred but not themselves parties to the dispute. For the estimated loss in wages shown in Table 2, any discrepancies between totals and the sums of industry groups are due to rounding.

An industrial dispute occurring in more than one State is counted as a separate dispute in each State. A dispute involving workers in more than one industry group in a State or Territory is counted once only in the number of disputes in the industry group that has the largest number of workers involved; but workers involved, working days lost and estimated loss in wages are allocated to their respective industry groups. Disputes not settled at the end of a year are included as new disputes in the figures for the following year. Disputes not settled at the end of a quarter are not counted in the number of disputes for the following quarter, but additional workers involved and working days and wages lost are included.

For further information about these statistics see Labour Report No. 52, 1965 and 1966.

TABLE 1. - INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES : AUSTRALIA

Period	Number	Workers involved			Working days lost		Estimated loss in wages (\$'000)
		Directly	Indirectly	Total	Number	Average per worker involved	
1963	1,250	398,567	14,141	412,708	581,568	1.41	4,991
1964	1,334	528,817	16,811	545,628	911,358	1.67	8,561
1965	1,346	460,234	14,810	475,044	815,869	1.72	8,198
1966	1,273	384,970	9,881	394,851	732,084	1.85	7,302
1967	1,340	472,169	11,105	483,274	705,315	1.46	7,263
1966 Sept. Qtr	341	85,267	727	85,994	176,452	2.05	1,763
Dec. "	287	69,070	4,272	73,342	174,242	2.38	1,770
1967 March Qtr	332	71,233	907	72,140	97,302	1.35	973
June "	367	167,121	2,659	169,780	166,323	0.98	1,623
Sept. "	348	182,554	6,051	188,605	333,679	1.77	3,497
Dec.	293	51,261	1,488	52,749	108,011	2.05	1,170
1968 March Qtr	370	218,653	6,471	225,124	378,602	1.68	4,031
June "	451	133,003	5,133	138,136	222,322	1.61	2,757
Sept. "	468	160,877	2,883	163,760	237,390	1.45	2,627

NOTE. For definitions, particulars of coverage of these statistics, etc. see text above.

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TABLE 2. - INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES : INDUSTRY GROUPS, SEPTEMBER QUARTER 1968

Industry group	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	Aust. (a)
NUMBER OF DISPUTES							
Agriculture, grazing, etc.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Coal mining	65	..	5	..	..	..	70
Other mining and quarrying	4	1	..	..	4	2	12
Manufacturing -							
Engineering, metals, vehicles, etc.	80	16	13	8	3	..	120
Textiles, clothing and footwear	..	1	..	..	..	..	1
Food, drink and tobacco	19	1	11	..	1	..	32
Sawmilling, furniture, etc.	1	1	..	..	1	..	3
Paper, printing etc.	7	3	..	..	..	..	10
Other manufacturing	18	11	3	3	1	1	38
<u>Total manufacturing</u>	125	33	27	11	6	1	204
Building and construction	28	27	12	..	4	1	76
Railway and tramway services	..	..	2	..	..	..	2
Road and air transport	8	..	..	1	1	..	10
Shipping	4	1	..	..	..	..	5
Stevedoring	33	20	3	5	5	1	74
Amusement, hotels, personal service, etc.	6	..	..	..	1	..	7
Other industries (b)	4	3	..	1	..	..	8
<u>TOTAL</u>	277	85	49	18	21	5	468
WORKERS INVOLVED (DIRECTLY AND INDIRECTLY)							
Agriculture, grazing, etc.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Coal mining	16,493	..	1,040	..	..	..	17,533
Other mining and quarrying	282	48	..	..	598	579	1,631
Manufacturing -							
Engineering, metals, vehicles, etc.	20,649	2,383	20,812	2,388	222	..	46,454
Textiles, clothing and footwear	..	30	..	..	..	..	30
Food, drink and tobacco	2,419	547	10,799	..	112	..	13,877
Sawmilling, furniture, etc.	22	30	..	..	128	..	180
Paper, printing, etc.	2,645	2,744	4,735	..	..	..	10,124
Other manufacturing	1,754	4,643	441	803	156	52	7,854
<u>Total, manufacturing</u>	27,489	10,377	36,787	3,191	618	52	78,519
Building and construction	2,756	6,542	15,208	..	491	42	25,151
Railway and tramway services	..	..	4,527	..	..	..	4,527
Road and air transport	418	..	..	9	40	..	467
Shipping	180	60	..	..	..	..	240
Stevedoring	10,698	10,634	379	1,484	1,932	271	26,175
Amusement, hotels, personal service, etc.	836	..	..	..	16	..	852
Other industries (b)	3,308	1,047	3,890	420	..	..	8,665
<u>TOTAL</u>	62,460	28,708	61,831	5,104	3,695	944	163,760

(a) Includes Northern Territory and Australian Capital Territory. (b) Includes Communications; Finance and property; Wholesale and retail trade; Public authority (n.e.i.) and Community and business services.

NOTE. For definitions, particulars of coverage of these statistics, etc. see page 1.

TABLE 2. - INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES : INDUSTRY GROUPS, SEPTEMBER QUARTER 1968 - continued

Industry group	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	Aust. (a)
WORKING DAYS LOST							
Agriculture, grazing etc.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Coal mining	20,326	..	1,528	..	..	..	21,854
Other mining and quarrying	663	240	..	..	1,018	1,448	3,808
Manufacturing -							
Engineering, metals, vehicles, etc.	21,418	7,100	14,441	2,581	152	..	45,692
Textiles, clothing and footwear	..	45	..	..	..	..	45
Food, drink and tobacco	7,085	2,937	6,718	..	49	..	16,789
Sawmilling, furniture, etc.	22	10	..	..	183	..	215
Paper, printing, etc.	4,494	4,651	2,444	..	..	..	11,589
Other manufacturing	8,860	7,623	992	962	310	88	18,855
<u>Total, manufacturing</u>	41,879	22,366	24,595	3,543	694	88	93,185
Building and construction	17,180	15,457	11,002	..	757	168	44,755
Railway and tramway services	..	..	27,248	..	..	..	27,248
Road and air transport	988	..	..	97	20	..	1,105
Shipping	174	175	..	..	..	..	349
Stevedoring	9,883	10,258	832	1,255	2,271	268	25,879
Amusement, hotels, personal service, etc.	2,161	..	..	..	16	..	2,177
Other industries (b)	11,054	2,507	2,009	1,460	..	..	17,030
TOTAL	104,308	51,003	67,214	6,355	4,776	1,972	237,390
ESTIMATED LOSS IN WAGES (\$'000)							
Agriculture, grazing, etc.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Coal mining	225.8	..	15.6	..	..	..	241.4
Other mining and quarrying	7.4	2.5	..	..	11.0	19.1	46.0
Manufacturing -							
Engineering, metals, vehicles, etc.	234.1	73.1	164.8	29.0	1.8	..	502.8
Textiles, clothing and footwear	..	0.4	..	..	..	..	0.4
Food, drink and tobacco	57.7	37.3	82.3	..	0.7	..	178.0
Sawmilling, furniture, etc.	0.2	0.1	..	..	1.6	..	1.9
Paper, printing, etc.	54.3	60.9	29.7	..	..	..	145.0
Other manufacturing	100.1	82.2	10.9	10.2	3.5	1.0	208.2
<u>Total, manufacturing</u>	446.5	254.0	287.7	39.2	7.6	1.0	1,036.2
Building and construction	208.6	218.5	140.0	..	10.1	2.1	581.7
Railway and tramway services	..	..	244.4	..	..	..	244.4
Road and air transport	11.3	..	..	0.9	0.3	..	12.5
Shipping	1.7	2.4	..	..	..	..	4.1
Stevedoring	100.9	104.2	8.4	12.7	25.6	2.7	265.7
Amusement, hotels, personal service, etc.	13.5	..	..	..	0.1	..	13.6
Other industries (b)	117.7	27.2	23.8	13.4	182.0
TOTAL	1,113.3	608.8	719.8	66.2	54.6	24.8	2,627.4

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TABLE 3. - INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES : STATES

Period	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	Australia (a)
NUMBER OF DISPUTES							
1963	817	180	160	35	28	11	1,250
1964	828	206	198	55	26	8	1,334
1965	832	208	186	48	33	17	1,346
1966	835	179	171	42	25	14	1,273
1967	836	212	159	55	26	29	1,340
1967 - Sept. Qtr	213	57	37	16	6	10	348
Dec. "	193	38	37	9	6	7	293
1968 - March Qtr	209	72	38	24	12	9	370
June "	246	97	50	20	15	10	451
Sept. "	277	85	49	18	21	5	468
WORKERS INVOLVED (DIRECTLY AND INDIRECTLY)							
1963	218,976	87,978	44,313	12,045	42,584	5,019	412,708
1964	229,076	190,075	92,696	23,040	6,165	1,898	545,628
1965	251,056	121,798	53,569	28,466	12,611	5,131	475,044
1966	210,016	101,490	68,731	8,760	2,876	2,541	394,851
1967	320,241	84,521	46,251	17,447	5,071	6,207	483,274
1967 - Sept. Qtr	144,840	10,963	17,223	10,512	1,432	2,149	188,605
Dec. "	30,908	7,926	6,754	2,249	967	2,906	52,749
1968 - March Qtr	111,720	62,392	27,150	18,258	2,686	2,074	225,124
June "	78,502	37,462	8,743	4,695	3,347	4,048	138,136
Sept. "	62,460	28,708	61,831	5,104	3,695	944	163,760
WORKING DAYS LOST							
1963	307,440	172,963	54,861	8,957	31,969	2,933	581,568
1964	320,568	359,567	157,571	62,785	7,148	1,939	911,358
1965	367,942	214,300	189,941	26,379	10,020	3,894	815,869
1966	400,111	219,605	80,692	20,903	6,239	3,119	732,084
1967	468,034	107,312	88,186	18,691	5,994	7,290	705,315
1967 - Sept. Qtr	231,997	40,025	46,677	9,418	2,550	1,834	333,679
Dec. "	66,116	12,575	15,556	2,962	590	4,351	108,011
1968 - March Qtr	207,105	103,375	34,298	25,183	3,807	3,606	378,602
June "	143,454	37,930	23,489	7,592	3,159	5,065	222,322
Sept. "	104,308	51,003	67,214	6,355	4,776	1,972	237,390
ESTIMATED LOSS IN WAGES (\$'000)							
1963	2,629.5	1,510.2	468.1	81.9	252.5	26.8	4,991.5
1964	2,996.2	3,428.2	1,453.3	585.2	62.6	18.0	8,560.9
1965	3,479.1	2,061.6	2,221.2	253.3	100.8	41.4	8,198.5
1966	4,026.0	2,097.2	860.8	199.7	64.5	34.8	7,302.5
1967	4,804.6	1,106.6	886.7	199.0	62.6	82.3	7,263.1
1967 - Sept. Qtr	2,450.7	412.1	466.9	103.0	28.4	22.2	3,496.5
Dec. "	707.7	141.7	157.4	31.8	6.6	48.2	1,170.0
1968 - March Qtr	2,222.0	1,100.7	360.1	262.3	33.5	39.2	4,030.6
June "	1,891.6	445.7	248.8	72.5	33.0	49.3	2,756.8
Sept. "	1,133.3	608.8	719.8	66.2	54.6	24.8	2,627.4

(a) Includes Northern Territory and Australian Capital Territory.

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